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Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A gaming table, comprising:
at least one game outcome determining device, exclusive of a card game, and configured for determination of a random outcome for a game, said at least one game outcome determining device having a manual operation initiated by based upon at least one direct physical interaction of a person dealer with said device, said manual operation producing direct physical interaction affecting said random outcome in a way that is exclusive of any intervening without automation;
a plurality of player terminals located exclusively at said gaming table, each terminal including a player user interface to permit a player to select at least one possible outcome of the game, occurring exclusively at said gaming table, and to make wagers on said at least one possible outcome; and
at least one processor for comparing said wagers to said random outcome for determining winning ones of said wagers, and for crediting winning proceeds directly to said player terminals.
2. (Currently amended) The gaming table according to claim 1 further comprising a dealer terminal operatively coupled to said at least one processor, said dealer terminal including a dealer user interface configured to permit [[a]] said dealer, after receipt of payment from a player, to directly credit one of said player terminals.
3. (Currently amended) The gaming table according to claim 2 wherein said dealer user interface is configured to permit [[a]] said dealer to pay out to a player, upon request, a remaining credit balance on a player terminal in use by said player.
4. (Currently amended) The gaming table according to claim 1 wherein said at least one game outcome determining device is a roulette wheel is configured for and said at

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least one direct physical interaction of a dealer comprises at least one of manual spinning and manual dispensing of a roulette ball by [[a]] said dealer.

5. (Currently amended) A method for operating a gaming table, comprising:
receiving at a plurality of player terminals, located exclusively at said gaming table, respective player selections of a possible game outcome, occurring exclusively at said gaming table, and player wagers on said respective player selections of said possible game outcome~~[[s]]~~;

determining a random outcome for a game ~~based upon~~ having a manual operation initiated by at least one direct physical interaction of a ~~person~~ dealer with a game outcome determining device, said ~~direct physical interaction affecting~~ manual operation producing said random outcome ~~in a way that is exclusive of any intervening without~~
automation; and

comparing automatically said random outcome to said respective player selections; and,

determining winning ones of said wagers responsive to said comparing step, and crediting winning proceeds directly to said player terminals based on said player wagers.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The method according to claim 5 further comprising receiving a player credit entry at a dealer terminal after receipt of payment from a player, and responsive to said entry directly crediting one of said player terminals.

8. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 7 further comprising the step of determining a remaining credit balance on a player terminal in use by said player, and cashing out a player from said player terminal, upon request, by clearing any credit balance from said player terminal and paying said credit directly to said player.

9. (New) The gaming table according to claim 1, wherein said at least one game outcome determining device is a Big Wheel and said at least one direct physical interaction of a dealer comprises manual spinning by said dealer.

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10. (New) The gaming table according to claim 1, wherein said at least one game outcome determining device is a plurality of dice and said at least one direct physical interaction of a dealer comprises manual rolling by said dealer.

11. (New) The method according to claim 5, wherein said game outcome determining device is a roulette wheel, said at least one direct physical interaction of a dealer being at least one of manual spinning said roulette wheel and manual dispensing of a roulette ball by said dealer.

12. (New) The method according to claim 5, wherein said game outcome determining device is a Big Wheel, said at least one direct physical interaction of a dealer being manual spinning of said Big Wheel by said dealer.

13. (New) The method according to claim 5, wherein said game outcome determining device is a plurality of dice, said at least one direct physical interaction of a dealer being manual rolling said dice by said dealer.

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